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PRESS ADVISORY AND CONFERENCE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY MICHAEL J. GARCIA WILL HOLD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY (OCTOBER 24, 2005) WITH KAREN P. TANDY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, JOSEPH GUCCIONE, THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND MAJOR GENERAL SAYED KAMAL SADAAT, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE AFGHANISTAN COUNTER NARCOTICS POLICE, TO ANNOUNCE THE HISTORIC EXTRADITION FROM AFGHANISTAN TO NEW YORK OF AN ALLEGED TALIBAN-LINKED HEROIN DRUG LORD PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST-WANTED DRUG KINGPINS. THE INDIVIDUAL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CLOSE TIES TO THE TALIBAN AND OTHER ISLAMIC-EXTREMIST GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN, AND IS ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING MORE THAN \$25 MILLION WORTH OF HEROIN INTO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE EXTRADITION TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY REPRESENTS THE FIRST EXTRADITION IN HISTORY FROM AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES.

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2005
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
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